



MINUTES FOR AUGUST 8, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS:

Chairman Houck called the Sheridan Municipal Advisory Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Houck, Lee Bastien, Turk Ozcan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Norris Jr., Adam Carpineta

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Pereira, Lois Clausen

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: *To approve Minutes for June 13, 2007:*

Bastien/Ozcan/UNANIMOUS

Note: As the July 11, 2007 meeting was an informal, informational-only meeting due to lack of a quorum, minutes were also informational-only and no motion for approval was necessary

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: *To approve Agenda for August 8, 2007:*

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4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Greg Guyan, Cal Fire, reported on a recent wildfire near Camp Far West Lake. A passing citizen tried to help put out the fire, and was electrocuted by a fallen power line. Mr. Guyan warned citizens to stay away from such situations and leave them to the proper agencies. Last week the tower and siren were stolen from in front of the firehouse. Citizens should call the Sheriff's Office tip line with any information.

There were no reports from CHP, Facility Services or the Sheridan School.

Ms. Pereira noted the Sheridan Clean-Up Day will be held Saturday, 9/15/07 at the Sheridan School.

On 7/16/07 the Board of Supervisors approved the Placer Vineyards proposal.

There is a tentative compelling Board meeting on 8/28/07 regarding the Placer County Conservation Plan. Agendas, when available, can be found on the website: <http://www.placer.ca.gov/bos.aspx>.

City of Lincoln: The recirculated draft program EIR on the Draft 2050 City of Lincoln General Plan Update is available. The 45-day public review with comment period closes 8/29/07.

Placer County Sheriff's Office: the weed abatement problem on 10th Street has been turned over to Gina Chamberlin with Cal Fire.

5. INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS:

None.

6. ACTION ITEM:

Patterson Sand & Gravel Mine Expansion Project (aka Cemex)

The representatives from Placer County included: Paul Thompson, Planning Department; Rick Dondro, Public Works Department; Dana Winyinger, Environmental Health Department; Brent Bakus and Yusuo Chang, Air Pollution Control District; Sarah Gillmore, Engineering & Surveying Department; and Andrew White and Dave Brown, Resource Design Technology, Inc., the County's EIR consultant. Supervisor Robert M. Weygandt was also in attendance.

Representing Cemex were: Pat Mitchell, Downy Brand Attorneys, LLP; and Todd Lowell, Lowell Development, Inc.

Paul Thompson offered a power point presentation illustrating the project overview and entitlements requested, the Development Agreement, the Environmental Impact Report, including project description, evaluation summary, public comment and responses, and revisions to the EIR.

The proposed asphalt batch plant has been removed from the project and the length of the mining operation is scheduled to end in 2045, being reduced by ten years.

The proposed haul route would take trucks from the mining site down Karchner Road and onto Riosa Road to Highway 65. Two other alternate routes were considered but brought more problems and complications.

Under the Development Agreement which is still being refined, it is proposed that Cemex contribute \$700,000 toward general Sheridan community improvements, \$1,000,000 toward Sheridan sewer improvements, \$50,000 toward the fire department, \$30,000 for the Sheridan School, \$30,000 for the cemetery, \$50,000 for the Sheridan Park and Stewart Hall, \$400,000-\$500,000 toward a possible traffic signal at Riosa Road and Highway 65, and \$400,000 for the Highway 65 Bypass Project. In addition, a levy of \$0.22 per ton is proposed to go to Placer County, with \$0.06 to go to Placer County for aggregate mined out of Yuba County. In 1999, the highest yield year to date, 1.82 tons were mined, and the estimated average is now expected to be between 1.0 and 1.25 tons per year.

Regarding a traffic signal at the intersection of Riosa Road and Highway 65, the county believed it would be a good idea, but CalTrans did not agree. The proposed Highway 65 Bypass, tentatively scheduled to start construction in 2008, is expected to remove much or most of the traffic between Lincoln and Sheridan, where that section would become a county road, possibly negating the need for a signal.

Mr. Bastien noted an acceleration lane on Highway 65 from Riosa Road would be a good idea, questioned if the global warming issue had been considered, and suggested radar backup warning on trucks would be preferable to beepers. In response to his question regarding flooding and levees, Mr. Thompson noted the EIR looks at that issue to be sure the levees provide for 500-year protection.

In response to Mr. Houck's questions, Mr. Thompson noted the development agreement is expected to be finalized late next week and nothing in the reclamation plan mentions recreational use following completion of the project in 2045.

In the public comment section, Roger Patterson expressed concern regarding the proposed truck route, suggesting some of the monies be earmarked for Camp Far West Road toward Karchner Road and Lincoln. Mr. Dondro offered to follow up. Mr. Patterson also noted the levee road south of the bridge runs almost to the end of the project. Mr. White noted a structural engineer would need to design levee improvements.

Ms. Jacobsen noted Sheridan sewer and water rates were just recently raised, and noted some improvements to her water line are necessary.

A resident noted he believed the traffic signal is necessary at Riosa Road and Highway 65. Mr. Dondro noted traffic signals have a benefit for traffic coming from side roads. If a signal were put in, it may increase rear-end collisions.

Mr. Houck closed the public comment and called for recommendations from the MAC.

Following discussion, Mr. Houck recommended an alternative truck route be considered, as the proposed route along Riosa Road may put residents, particularly children, at risk. Regarding the .22 cent per ton to be contributed to Placer County, he recommended that a boundary limit be set to benefit the Sheridan community, and that the cap on tons mined per year be reduced below the proposed maximum of 1.82 tons per year.

Motion was made by Bastien, seconded by Ozcan, and carried unanimously to approve the project as presented with the following recommendations:

1. Recommend an alternative truck route be considered, as the proposed route along Riosa Road may put residents, particularly children, at risk;
2. Regarding the .22 cent per ton to be contributed to Placer County, a recommendation that a boundary limit be set to benefit the Sheridan community;
3. Recommend the cap on tons mined per year be reduced below the proposed maximum of 1.82 tons per year; and
4. Consider requiring trucks use radar back up sensors.

A letter will be sent the Planning Commission outlining the MAC recommendations.

Mr. Houck questioned if the County would be interested in obtaining a portion of the property after the mining project is completed. Supervisor Weygandt noted it might be possible for mitigation and recreational uses from a willing seller. Mr. Mitchell noted a 5-acre portion of the property south of the Bear River would already be granted to the County as an easement.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting:*

Ozcan/Bastien/UNANIMOUS.

The Sheridan Municipal Advisory Council adjourned at 9:40 pm.